

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** recent student housing fires in North Carolina, Kansas, Alaska, Oregon, and Maryland have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** since January 2000, at least 87 people, including students, parents, and children have died in campus-related fires; and
- WHEREAS,** almost 80 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and
- WHEREAS,** a majority of the students across the Nation live in off-campus occupancies; and
- WHEREAS,** a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and
- WHEREAS,** it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and
- WHEREAS,** it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and
- WHEREAS,** many students are living in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing, and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems; and
- WHEREAS,** it is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage; and
- WHEREAS,** students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and
- WHEREAS,** it is vital to educate the future generation of our Nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 2006, as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.

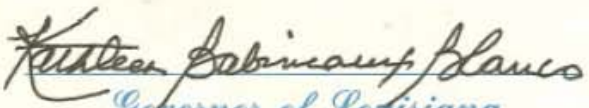


Attest By
The Governor



Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 8th day of August
A.D., 2006



Governor of Louisiana